

DAYTON'S NEW MURDER MYSTERY

GIRL ENTICED TO LONELY SPOT, ASSAULTED AND KILLED BY A FIEND.

BODY THEN HID IN A SHED

Rivals That in Sensational Features Dona Gilman and Anna Markowitz Cases—Two Suspects Under Arrest.

Dayton, O., Jan. 25.—Rivaling in sensational features the Dona Gilman and Anna Markowitz cases is another murder mystery with which the local police are now grappling.

Mary Forschner, aged 15, scarcely more than a child, but buxom and pretty, lies cold in death in Berk & Fry's morgue, on Fifth street, and her sealed lips hold the secret of a criminal assault and murder. She was choked to death early Saturday night in a field extending along Knox street, within a short distance of her home, at Vermont and Knox avenue. Her body was dragged to the barn on the Grafton-Kennedy estate, where it was found at 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

Police Chief Allaback and Chief Detective Hughes admit that they are at sea. Two suspects are under arrest, but the officials state that they are held principally as witnesses.

The girl left the home of her stepfather, Robert Geppert, in North Dayton, shortly after 6 o'clock Saturday evening, carrying a Dayton Savings & Trust Co.'s deposit book for the purpose of placing \$9 in the bank, as partial payment on a lot which her stepfather had purchased some time ago. Her movements from that time until her body was found are a mystery to police and relatives. When she failed to return Mr. Geppert and the girl's mother, brothers and sister Maggie became alarmed and instituted a search.

Geppert secured a lantern and began searching the neighborhood about 10:30, but failed to notify the police. He enlisted the aid of several neighbors, including Arthur Hyre and John Merkle.

Not until after midnight was information sent to the police. Then Lieut. Haley dispatched several officers to North Dayton to assist in the search, but before they arrived the stepfather made a horrifying discovery.

Discovering that the wet ground had been torn up as if by persons in a desperate struggle, he followed a trail which led to the shed in the rear of the Kennedy home, and by the aid of his lantern found the lifeless body of his stepchild. The girl was lying on her face as if she had been thrown carelessly down by her heartless assailant.

The coroner was on the scene by 5:30. His superficial examination showed that the victim had been choked into submission by the fiend, who, after accomplishing his purpose, dragged the girl through the mud to the barn.

In the field was found knee prints of the slayer, giving the impression that he wore corduroy trousers. This may prove an important clue.

STEAMER BALTIC,

With Passengers of Steamers Florida and Republic, Nearing Sandy Hook.

New York, Jan. 25.—The steamer Baltic, with the passengers of the steamers Florida and Republic, were reported at 1:30 Monday morning as nearing her anchorage off Sandy Hook by the Marconi wireless station at Seagate. The Baltic will anchor for the night, and will not come up to the city until well in the morning.

Siasconset, Nantucket, Mass., Jan. 25.—Wireless messages from the Baltic Sunday night confirmed the earlier report of fatalities aboard the Republic when the collision occurred, but raised the number from four to six, two of the victims being passengers and the other four seamen in the crew of the big liner. Two other passengers were seriously injured.

Brave Conductor Killed. Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 25.—In an effort to save Mrs. Mary Groff, aged 60, from death, John Dillinger, a Reading railway conductor, met death under an express train Sunday night. Mrs. Groff was so badly injured that she will probably die. Conductor Dillinger leaves a widow and four children in Pottsville.

Student Electrocutted. Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 25.—On the eve of the festivities of junior week the Cornell undergraduate community was shocked by the tragic death of Parkman Leavitt, of East Orange, N. J., a freshman in the College of Mechanical Engineering. Leavitt was electrocuted by contact with a live wire on Oak avenue Sunday night.

Officers Seized Everything in Sight. Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 25.—Officers levied on the effects of the Bepalmes indoor circus, which has been touring southern states, and seized everything in sight. Attachments sued by local restaurants caused the trouble.

Greeted With Cat Calls. London, Jan. 25.—When Carrie Nation, the saloon smasher, made her London debut as a temperance lecturer at the Shakespeare theater she was greeted with a chorus of cat calls from a hostile clique in rear of theater.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The first national convention of the unemployed met in St. Louis.

J. H. Brooke, an English explorer, met death at the hands of the natives of Thibet.

Mrs. Rosa Silva, the first woman to settle in Yuma, Ariz., died there aged 106 years.

The business portion of McCracken, Kan., including the Jesse hotel, was destroyed by fire.

What are believed to have been earthquake shocks were felt in Cincinnati and its suburbs.

Charles L. Tutt, a millionaire mining and smelting man of Colorado Springs, Col., died in New York.

Rear Admiral Leavitt arrived at Villefranche and was received with salutes and entertained by officials.

The United States Pacific fleet sailed from Valparaiso and Comodoro, Chile, for Callao, Peru, where it will spend a fortnight.

Dr. P. Ritter, the Swiss minister to Japan, has been named to succeed Leo Vogel, at present minister of Switzerland at Washington.

Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William J. Bryan, filed suit for divorce from William H. Leavitt, in Lincoln, Neb., alleging non-support.

A plot to assassinate Detective Gabriel Longobardi of Chicago because of his activity against the Black Hand, was exposed by an Italian woman.

San Francisco business men who recently made a trip to the Orient sent a strong protest to the California legislature against the proposed anti-Japanese legislation.

The members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations united in the dedication of a memorial window to Rabbi Isaac M. Wise at Temple Keneseth Israel in Philadelphia.

Jay Gould, champion amateur court tennis player of the world and son of the millionaire railroad director, George J. Gould, is likely to become a probation officer in a New York police court.

Fines ranging from \$150 to \$500 have been imposed upon St. Petersburg journals for publishing articles based on statements in foreign newspapers to the effect that agents of the Russian police had participated in terrorist crimes.

Persons venturing on the unusual forms of amusement devices at Coney Island do so at their own risk and cannot expect to recover damages for injuries sustained under general conditions, according to a ruling of the appellate division of the supreme court of New York.

A pair of surgeon's forceps, accidentally sewed up in the abdomen after an operation 11 years ago, caused the death of Miss Mary G. Donovan of Philadelphia. The operation in which the unfortunate mistake occurred was performed by a surgeon of that city of high reputation, who has since died.

FLOODS FATAL TO 173.

Rains in South Africa Cause Death and Destruction.

Johannesburg, Jan. 23.—One hundred and seventy-three persons are known to have lost their lives yesterday as a result of the floods which are general throughout the Transvaal colony and northern Natal.

Great damage also has been done to property, mining plants having suffered heavily, and houses and railway bridges being swept away or inundated. The floods are the result of heavy rains that have fallen recently and all the rivers have been converted into roaring torrents. The railway and telegraph services are disorganized in all directions.

By the bursting of Knights dam, the Witwatersrand gold mine in the southwestern part of the Transvaal was flooded and ten white men and 150 natives were drowned. The water from this dam also flooded the lower section of the town of Elsburg, where a number of houses were swept away and 13 persons perished. A gold dredger valued at \$60,000 broke adrift on the Kaap river and was wrecked.

MARKET REPORTS

Cincinnati, Jan. 22.
CATTLE—Extra... \$6 40 @ 6 65
CALVES—Extra... @ 8 25
HOGS—Choice... 6 20 @ 6 35
SHEEP—Extra... 2 00 @ 2 25
LAMBS—Spring... 5 00 @ 7 85
FLOUR—Spring pat... 5 75 @ 6 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red... 1 10 @ 1 11
CORN—No. 2 mixed... 61 @ 61 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed... 52 1/2 @ 53
RYE—Ch. timothy... 13 50 @ 14 00
BITTER—Del... 19 1/2 @ 20
EGGS—Per doz... @ 32
APPLES—Choice... 4 00 @ 5 00
POTATOES—Per bri... 2 65 @ 2 75
TOBACCO—Burley... 7 50 @ 20 00

CHICAGO.
WHEAT—No. 2 red... 1 03 1/2 @ 1 05
CORN—No. 2 mixed... 59 @ 59 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed... @ 50
PORK—Prime mess... 17 25 @ 17 50
LARD—Prime... @ 9 87 1/2

NEW YORK.
FLOUR—Win. patent... 5 25 @ 5 65
WHEAT—No. 2 red... @ 1 03
CORN—No. 2 mixed... @ 67 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed... 54 @ 54 1/2
PORK—Prime mess... 16 30 @ 16 75
LARD—Steam... 9 90 @ 10 00

BALTIMORE.
WHEAT—No. 2 red... @ 1 07 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed... @ 66
OATS—No. 2 mixed... 54 @ 55 1/2

LOUISVILLE.
WHEAT—No. 2 red... @ 1 03 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed... @ 63 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed... @ 53
HAY—Ch. timothy... 12 50 @ 13 00
HOGS—Extra... @ 6 40
LARD—Steam... @ 9 25

INDIANAPOLIS.
CATTLE—Prime... 6 50 @ 7 25
HOGS—Extra... 6 30 @ 6 70
SHEEP—Extra... 4 25 @ 4 75

TIME TO COMPLETE THE FENCE.



Dr. Biggar Says John D. Rockefeller Will Live to Be 100 Years Old.

PASSES NAVY BILL

House Approves Measure and Peace Men Are Beaten.

BUT ONE IMPORTANT CHANGE

Provision Putting Marines Back on Vessels Killed—February 12 Made Special Holiday by Senate—Survey of "Lincoln Way" Authorized.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Exactly as reported by committee, the naval program for the fiscal year 1910 was adopted yesterday by the house of representatives, and the naval appropriation bill was passed.

The opponents of the navy increase feature of the bill found themselves in a hopeless minority. The only vital alteration made in the measure was the striking out of the provision restoring marines to naval vessels. The aggregate amount appropriated by the bill is \$135,000,000.

As has been the case in the past, the increase in the naval estimate gave rise to extended and heated debate, in which members were afforded an opportunity to air their views of the Japanese question. The peace advocates were much in evidence in opposition to such increase, while the adherents of the proposition were alive at all times to every move made to cut down the number of vessels authorized.

Lincoln Holiday and Memorial.

February 12 next was declared by the senate to be a special legal holiday, and a survey and plans for a highway from Washington to Gettysburg to be known as "the Lincoln way," as a memorial to Abraham Lincoln, was provided for by a joint resolution passed after an extended debate. The resolution did not commit congress to the construction of the highway when surveyed.

Final action was also taken on the legislative, executive and judicial bill, the senate refusing by a vote of 41 to 27 to fix at \$75,000 the salary of the president, previously increased by an amendment to \$100,000.

Deficiency Fund Statement.

President Roosevelt yesterday sent to the senate a response to Senator Foraker's resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury for an itemized statement of expenditures from the \$3,000,000 war deficiency fund. The reply reached the senate in the form of an executive document. It purports to be a complete answer, so far as the use of the war deficiency fund is concerned, but some of the names of persons to whom payments were made were withheld.

In a message, which was read in secret session, the president says that if these names are desired he will furnish them to the committee on military affairs.

TRAGEDY AT GALVA, ILL.

Man Shoots Wife, Fatally Wounds Her Mother and Kills Self.

Galva, Ill., Jan. 22.—Alvin Bollne, aged 26, of Ottawa, Ill., after an ineffectual attempt to effect a reconciliation with his wife, Orlina, from whom he had been parted for some time, entered the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. John Swanson, where his wife resided, here last night, shot his wife through the shoulder, fatally injured Mrs. Swanson, and then shot himself, dying instantly. The wife will live.

Millionaire Called Forger.

New Martinsville, W. Va., Jan. 23.—John G. Robinson, of Smithfield, a millionaire oil operator, was arrested yesterday on a charge of forgery and was held under \$5,000 bond for a special grand jury to be convened next week.

Col. Francis J. Parker Dies.

Boston, Jan. 22.—Col. Francis Jewett Parker, formerly prominent in military, civil and political circles of Boston, died yesterday, aged 84 years.

OLD MEN ARE INJURED IN FIGHTING A BLAZE

Fifteen Burned in Vain Attempt to Save Their Part of an Ohio Infirmary.

Canfield, O., Jan. 22.—Fire of unknown origin yesterday afternoon destroyed the men's building of the Mahoning county infirmary here and 15 of the aged inmates received burns more or less serious.

The men were endeavoring to check the fire at the foot of a stairway, when a shift in the wind suddenly drove a sheet of flame down upon them. They crawled to safety, and were taken to the infirmary hospital. The fire loss will be \$30,000.

The water pressure was not strong, and the efforts of the inmates to fight the flames were unsuccessful.

The building was erected about ten years ago and was known as one of the finest infirmary buildings in the state. The infirmary is divided into three sections, composed of the men's department, the women's and the administration building. The women's building and the office building were far enough away to be out of danger. There are altogether 245 inmates at the institution.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 22.—Three children between three and four years old were killed, another aged five was severely burned and two women, mothers of the little ones, were painfully injured yesterday at Stoughton, Somerset county, when the children touched a match to a keg of powder to see it blaze. All the dead and injured are foreigners. Their house was almost demolished by the explosion.

TELL OF BIG CONSPIRACY.

Leaders of Alleged Secret Band of Stockmen Confess.

Belle Fourche, S. D., Jan. 22.—From confessions alleged to have been secured from the leaders, following the arrest of nine prominent stockmen in Crook county, Wyoming, one of the greatest sensations in this part of the country for years is expected to result.

The men under arrest are Ike, Andy and Sam McKean, D. W. Mosberger, George Martin, Stanley Baugh, J. C. Hulohland, Terry Zimmerachied and A. O. Squiers. It is alleged that they are members of a secret band of stockmen organized and operated solely to drive out the Guthrie Stock Company. The confessions of three of the men declare that the members of the gang were forced to take a vow that death would be the penalty for revealing any of the secret operations of the ten.

BUYS WASHINGTON'S SWORD.

J. Pierpont Morgan Acquires a Relic of Great Value.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 23.—J. Pierpont Morgan of New York has purchased from Miss Virginia Taylor Wise of this city the sword worn by Gen. George Washington when he resigned his commission as commander-in-chief of the American army in Annapolis in 1783. Mr. Morgan will in due time, it is understood, present the relic to the Mount Vernon association. The price paid for the sword was not divulged, but an idea of its value may be gleaned from the fact that some years ago the United States senate passed a bill appropriating \$25,000 for its purchase. This bill, however, failed of passage by the house of representatives.

Biological Station for Iowa.

Muscataine, Ia., Jan. 23.—United States Commissioner of Fisheries George M. Bowers of Washington yesterday decided to establish a biological station for the propagation of clams and fish eight miles above Muscatine.

Landslide in Morocco Kills Many.

Tangier, Jan. 22.—A landslide following a severe earth shock in the region south of Tetuan has wiped out several villages. It is reported that hundreds of people were killed or injured.

LAKE FIRE HORROR

About Seventy Men Perish in a Disaster at Chicago.

BLAZING CRIB A DEATH TRAP

Scores of Workmen Burn to Death and an Unknown Number Are Drowned in the Ice Water—Others Rescued by Tug.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Death in frightful form—a choice between incineration or drowning in the ice-clogged lake—descended on probably 70 men at eight o'clock yesterday morning when fire attacked the temporary crib of the new southwest land and water tunnel, a mile and a half off Seventy-third street.

As nearly as can be learned, 120 men, mostly employees of George W. Jackson (Inc.), were in the crib at the time. Of these 47 are known to have been burned to death, as that number of bodies, so charred and mutilated as to make identification practically impossible, were recovered.

Still others—number unknown and probably never to be revealed—lost their lives while battling with the icy waters which surrounded the blazing crib, having cast themselves into the lake in the vain hope that they might survive till help should arrive.

With the exception of the Iroquois disaster, which stands high in the list of world horrors, it was the most ruthless slaughter Chicago ever has known.

The cause of the fire and responsibility for the disaster remain undetermined. A rigid inquiry has been begun by Coroner Hoffman and the police.

Tug Prompt in Rescue.

Had it not been for the arrival of the tug T. T. Morford within ten minutes of the beginning of the fire every man on the crib probably would have perished. Some of the men sprang naked into the water, with portions of their bodies burned to a crisp, and battled their way to ice floes. Here they dragged themselves up, only to freeze to the floes and to leave strips of flesh upon the icy surface when they were removed by the crew of the Morford.

Others of the men endeavored to hold themselves suspended by ropes at an angle from the burning structure, only to be roasted piecemeal or to have the ropes burn through, plunging them to death in the water.

Many of these men were of those who could not swim and who knew that to jump into the water was only to leap to death.

Death by Slow Burning.

They, therefore, made pitiable attempts to elude the flames and met a harrowing death by slow burning. Even those men who could swim and who were not burned suffered terribly from the cold of the water and from freezing on the ice floes. Some of those who could swim failed to reach a bit of ice whereon they could drag themselves and died from drowning.

Still others of the unfortunates, and these were more lucky than their fellows, inasmuch as they met only death and not agony, were caught in their bunks asleep and died almost instantly in the raging hell of the crib.

The fire broke out shortly after the night shift had gone off watch. Some of the men had gone to bed or were preparing to go, and thus were caught without even clothing. Many of the men rescued from the floes by the Morford were naked or nearly so. Some of these, however, had been fully dressed when the fire broke out, but had their clothes burned off them.

Anguished Women Shriek.

Nor was the agony at the crib by any means the total of all the anguish of the time. Eight thousand feet distant, on the shore, helpless, shrieking, hysterical or dumb with horror, were grouped women and children and men—the relatives of those who were dead or dying.

The news of the catastrophe spread as rapidly as the flames themselves, and in a short time the shore between Seventy-fifth street and Sixty-eighth street was lined with human beings whose mental anguish was as frightful as the physical anguish out in the fog-covered lake.

The smoke and flames could be seen from the shore, despite the gray fog bank. Every eye was on the flames, and each impatient onlooker realized that those flames meant death or indescribable suffering to father, brother, husband.

The inferno at the crib was increased in horror about 15 minutes after the beginning of the fire by the explosion of dynamite which was used in blasting. Nearly three hundred pounds of dynamite were at the crib and part of this exploded.

Sues for \$500,000 Insurance.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Susie M. Burdette, widow of the late Joshua Burdette, a wealthy pioneer merchant of Creek county who was the victim of a mysterious assassination at Enola, Okla., in 1906, filed suit in the United States circuit court here yesterday for the recovery of \$500,000 insurance upon Burdette's life.

Six Killed in Rioting.

Johannesburg, Transvaal, Jan. 22.—There was an outbreak of fierce rioting at the Village Deep mine yesterday in which six Chinamen lost their lives and a score were so seriously injured that they had to be sent to hospitals.

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Tea, Black.....	70 1/2
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